

REPORT FOR DECISION

Agenda Item	
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MEETING: THE COUNCIL
DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2007
SUBJECT: REVIEW OF POLLING ARRANGEMENTS
REPORT FROM: THE RETURNING OFFICER
CONTACT OFFICER: WARREN RAFFERTY, ELECTIONS OFFICER

TYPE OF DECISION: COUNCIL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/ STATUS: (This paper is within the public domain)

SUMMARY: The Representation of the People Act 1983, imposes a duty on the Authority to review the arrangements by which electors cast their votes. Part of this review involves an examination of polling stations within the Borough.

OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTION (with reasons):

To approve and adopt the recommendations of the Returning Officer in relation to the designation of Polling Stations set out in the report following the consultation process.

IMPLICATIONS -

Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Not applicable
Financial Implications and Risk Considerations	The safety of voting has been taken into account throughout the review
Statement by Director of Finance and E-Government:	There are no additional resource implications for the Authority arising from the recommendations in this report

Equality/Diversity implications

Yes No

The needs in relation to access by disabled people has been taken into account

Considered by Monitoring Officer:

Yes

Are there any legal implications?

Yes No

Staffing/ICT/Property:

None

Wards Affected:

All

Scrutiny Interest:

Resource and Performance

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/ Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Chief Executive Director of Legal and Democratic Services	Leader		
Scrutiny Commission	Executive	Committee	Council
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1.0 BACKGROUND (brief)

The legal process requires that the Council announces that a review is to take place. The Council consults the Returning Officer who makes representations on existing and proposed arrangements. The Council publishes the Returning Officer's proposals and invites comments. These are considered before final decisions are made.

The consultation must actively seek comments from people who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

Any elector may make representations. Although not specifically required in law, the consultations include local political parties and elected representatives.

2.0 ISSUES

Including statements on issues of:-

Risk Management

The safety of voters has been taken into account particularly those in vulnerable groups.

Equality and Diversity

- § Disabled access provided
- § Equality of provision of polling stations across the Borough

3.0 CONCLUSION

No comments were received from the consultation process and in the absence of any negative comments or incidents involving electors at polling stations, Council is asked to agree the recommendations in the attached schedule, to which is appended the consultation document circulated to all Councillors and Bury and District Disablement Advisory Committee. (BADDAC)

The one change to the current arrangements in Redvales Ward is highlighted in the attached Schedule

List of Background Papers:-

Consultation documents

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